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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY POLLUTION REPORT

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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## I. HEADING

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**Subject:** 76<sup>th</sup> and Albany Site

**POLREP#:** Polrep # 4

## II. BACKGROUND

**Site ID No.:** A541

**Delivery Order No.:** 68-S5-98-02

**Response Authority:** CERCLA (ERB)

**CERCLA Incident Category:** Time-Critical Removal

**CERCLIS ID#:** ILSFN0507984

**NPL Status:** Non-NPL

**Action Memorandum Signed:** November 3, 2000

**Start Date:** December 18, 2000

**Demobilization Date:**

**Completion Date:**

## III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

- A. The property known as 76<sup>th</sup> and Albany consists of a large tract of land some 20 acres in size. The east half of the site operated as a drive-in theater, although it has been closed and abandon for many years. The west half of the site was apparently vacant land that was leased by the property owners to a construction company as a disposal site for soil, construction debris, and for recycling concrete and asphalt. The construction company abandoned the site in 1993

leaving roughly 400,000 yards of material on site. Subsequent investigations indicated that areas of the site contained other materials including petroleum contaminated soils, and automobile shredder residue (ASR). Site assessments conducted by the U.S. EPA and the City of Chicago between 1995 and 1999 delineated various locations where substantial amounts of ASR were buried. ASR material contains elevated levels of lead and PCBs which required treatment and specialized disposal. The City acquired the property and initiated a cleanup as part of the redevelopment plan for the area. The City requested assistance from the U.S. EPA to address part of the site where the ASR was exposed on the surface and posed a potential health threat due to the lead and PCB levels. The City started their operations in February of 2000, and after finalizing plans with the City the U.S. EPA scheduled their start date for December of 2000, to address an area of the site that was estimated to contain 10,000 yards of ASR.

**B. Action Taken (1-22-01 thru 1-26-01)**

- Continue excavating, stockpiling, and treating ASR material.
- Samples will be collected every 500 yds to verify TCLP lead and PCB levels.
- To date (15) samples have been cleared for lead and PCBs
- Total yards approved for disposal - 7,500
- Total yards treated to date - 8,400
- Total yards excavated - 10,000
- Disposal was initiated on 1-24-01, at Newton County Landfill in Brook, IN

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

Continue to excavate and treat ASR material.  
Continue transportation and disposal activities.  
Track status of Action Memo requesting ceiling increase.

**V. ISSUES**

An Action Memorandum to request a ceiling increase was initiated on January 18, 2001.  
Additional funding will be required to address the increased volume of ASR material.

**VI. COST TO DATE as of 01/26/01**

Subject	Amount Budgeted	Amount Used	Amount Remaining
U.S. EPA	\$ 23,500	\$ 17,280	\$ 6,220
EARTH TECH	\$ 710,250	\$275,000	\$ 435,250
START	\$ 17,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000

## VII. WASTE DISPOSAL SUMMARY

<u>Wastestream</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Manifest #</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
Non-hazardous debris/soil	1562 cu. yds.	N/A	Newton County Landfill, Brook, IN